

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended and claim 2 has been canceled herein. Claims 1-14 stand rejected. New claims 17 and 18 have been submitted for consideration.

The problem the present invention addresses is how to achieve a cost-effective manufacture of sanitary absorbent articles. The applicant has found that this objective can be achieved when wet laid paper is used as the absorbent core, thereby avoiding the higher cost of airlaid materials. The use of wet laid paper, however, has inherent problems relating to its absorption properties and insufficient permeability. However the applicant has discovered that these disadvantages may be overcome by embossing and perforation the absorbing core comprising the wet laid sheet. Claim 1 has been amended to emphasize these aspects of the invention. It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose and or suggest the invention as recited in amended claim 1.

Reconsideration of the application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

A petition for a three-month extension of time extending the time for response is enclosed herewith. Please charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/J&J-1735/PJH in the name of Johnson & Johnson.

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Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is accordingly respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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